of masons in flowless construction and installation of bio-gas plants and establishment of a Regional Bio-gas Development and Training Centre at Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University for providing technical and training support, bringing out publicity material in the regional language, organising demonstrations on utility of manure in farmers' fields, etc.

Price control on builk vitamins

13. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answers to Unstarred Questions 1459 and 1460 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the position of bulk vitamins B1, B2 E, B6, and B12, areidentical as vitamin A and vitamin C;

(b) if so, on what consideration vitamin A and C have been brought under price control and other bulk vitamins have been excluded;

(c) whether it is a fact that finished medicines based on all bulk vitamins are under price control though certain bulk vitamins are outside price control and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAJMAN BEHERA): (a) and (b) Vitamin 'A' and 'C' are of mass consumption. Further Vitamin 'A' is required for eye ailments and is vitally important for prevention of blindness.

(c) and (d) All single ingredient vitamin formulations containing individual vitamins specified in the Second Schedule of the DPCO, 1987, sold either in brand name or in generic name are exempted from price control, except the single ingredient Vitamin formulations based on the bulk drugs Vitamin A and Vitamin C sold in brand name.

Pending air taxi proposals

14. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any air taxi proposals are pending with Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Applications from the following parties have recently been received for grant of Air Taxi Operator's permit:

Sl. No.	Name of the Party
1.	M/s. Tran Bharat Aviation Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
2.	M/s. Eastern Indian Air Taxi Services Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta.
3.	M/s. Phonix Airlines India Limited, Madras.
4.	M/s. The Eagles of Bharat Airways (Pvt.) Ltd., Ahmedabad.
5.	M/s. General Marketing & Manufacturing Co. Ltd., New Delhi.

Arrest of employees of Air-India and Indian Airlines on charge of smuggling

15. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many employees of Air-India and Indian Airlines were arrested on charges of smuggling during the last three years, giving the figures, year-wise and institution-wise; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to prevent this increasing trend?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The number of employees of Air-India and Indian Airlines who were arrested on charges of smuggling during the last three years are as follows:—

	1987	1988	1989
Air-India	4	9	2
Indian Airlines	3	1	1
TOTAL	7	10	3

(b) Greater vigilance is being exercised by the Customs staff to stop the recurrence of such activities. Apart from the legal action, strict disciplinary action is also taken against the delinquent staff by the concerned competent authority.

Reduction in consumption of petrol and diesel after the recent price hike

16. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any reduction in the consumption of petrol and diesel since recent price hike; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) The price of petrol and diesel was increased from March 20th, 1990. It is too early to assess the impact of the recent price hike on the consumption of petrol and diesel.

Rates of petrol and diesel

17. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of petrol in India is the highest in the world; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir. The prices of petrol in some countries are higher than those in India.

(b) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के बुलंदशहर जिले में उद्योगों का स्थापित किया जाना

18. **चौ० हरि सिंह** : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में बुलन्दशहर जिले को औद्योगिक रूप से पिछड़े जिले के रूप में अधिसूचित किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो 1987-89 के दौरान केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा उस जिले में कितने उद्योग स्थापित किये गए हैं अथवा स्थापित करने की अनुमति दे दी गयी है; और

(ग) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने 1990 के दौरान उक्त जिले में कोई उद्योग स्थापित किए जाने का निर्णय लिया है ; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह) : (क) जी हां । बुलन्दशहर जिले को श्रेणी "ग" पिछड़े जिले के रूप में घोषित किया गया है ।

(ख) बुलन्दशहर जिले में उद्योग लगाने के लिए वर्ष 1987 से 1990 (31 मार्च तक) के दौरान कुल 28 आशय पत्र और 5 औद्योगिक लाइसेंस जारी किये गये थे ।

(ग) जी, नहीं । वर्ष 1990 के दौरान बुलन्दशहर जिले में उद्योग मंत्रालय के अधीन केन्द्र सरकार का कोई उपक्रम स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।